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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT'S VISIT TO SCANDINAVIA

REF: STOCKHOLM 3924

1. ALTHOUGH THE BERLINGSKE TIDENDE HEADLINED TODAY
"ECEVIT VISIT HERE POSTPONED", MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR
BORCH TOLD DCM THAT HE DID NOT KNOW HOW THE SITUATION
WOULD WORK OUT. ECEVIT HAD BEEN SCHEDULED HERE ON
SEPT 16 AND 17 BUT THESE DATES NOW APPEAR TO BE HIGHLY
INCONVENIENT TO THE DANES. PRIMIN HARTLING, WHO WILL BE
ECEVIT'S HOST, IS HEAVILY ENGAGED IN A BATTLE TO SAVE
HIS GOVERNMENT AND THE CRISIS MAY WELL COME DURING THE
SEPTEMBER SESSION OF PARLIAMENT WHICH WILL COINCIDE WITH
THE ECEVIT VISIT. BESIDES, FOMNMIN GULDBERG WILL BE
IN PARIS AND BRUSSELS ON THOSE DAYS FOR EC MEETINGS.
SINCE THE DANES WANT TO BE PROPER HOSTS THEY HAVE,
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ACCORDING TO BORCH, ASKED THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR

IF ANOTHER DATE COULD BE WORKED OUT, "SOMETHING MORE APPROPRIATE FOR THE HOSTS AND THE VISITOR." BORCH SPECULATED THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO REARRANGE ECEVIT'S VISITS TO THE OTHER SCANDINAVIAN CAPITALS TO ACCOMMODATE THE DANISH PROBLEM.

2. THE TURKISH DCM CORROBORATED WHAT BORCH HAD SAID AND ADDED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS INTERESTED IN TRYING TO FIND DATES WHICH WOULD BE FAVORABLE FOR BOTH SIDES.

3. COMMENT: DANISH OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN CAREFUL TO AVOID LINKING THEIR DESIRES FOR A POSTPONEMENT TO ANYTHING MORE THAN A CONFLICT OF DATES, BUT THEY WOULD PROBABLY BE GREATLY RELIEVED IF A SUITABLE WAY WERE FOUND OF PUTTING OFF THE VISIT FOR SOME TIME. RECENT PUBLICITY ON EVENTS IN CYPRUS HAS TARNISHED SOMEWHAT THE TURKISH IMAGE, AND ECEVIT'S WARMEST WELCOME HERE WOULD PROBABLY COME FROM THE THOUSANDS OF TURKISH GUEST WORKERS. UNLIKE SWEDEN, THERE IS NOT A SIZABLE GREEK COLONY IN DENMARK.
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